says Kaiser's Army Was Model of Good Conduct in Belgium.

ONLY ONE CITIZEN SHOT IN REPRISAL

oldiers' Uniform Sobriety and Kindness Impressed Citizens, American Declares.

As Associated Press staff corre-medent of American birth and ante-ted with the state of the American the office and was caught in Brussels the time of the German invasion, the time of the German invasion, the time of the German invasion, that as prisoner for several days and tally escaped to Holland, has sent by ad the following story of his experi-

with the Belgian civil guards and suggest began pouring into Brussels in the direction of Louvain, the night for the Germans entered the city brought stories of unspeakable frought artecities, maltreatment of old on and children and the violation of and children and the violation of summ. The Belgian capital reeled with apprehension. The gayety, the meetly and brilliancy of the city went mike a broken are light.

In less than twenty-four hours the being citizens were chatting comfertable with the German brutality and desailed to ture had dissolved into one summents which have accompanied

the myths which have accompanied invaded by ent to demand punishment or to pler protest came to my attention.

Brussels in Terror.

The frightful reports that had pr ordited them. An eventiness of un-meachable veracity told me that the surable behavior he had observed dur-age first German entry into Lou-lan (Aggust 18) was that of a Ger-an soldier, who leaned from his horse an soldier, who leaned from his horse tty Flemish girl who ass of beer. r days with the Ger-

with the houses that erage of twenty per-a dozen towns, and

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One Reprisal Case. Thave emphasized the one fataiity multiplying as Buissiere or Solre-

dong the road, then a German officer a soldier entered a Belgian house for sei or shelter, it was not with a desuad, but a request. In spite of the nied generously strange tongu

and polite to women alogizing for the discausing. Upon 'ea'seen them shake hands ster I have with the conc peasant woman or. with the gentlewoman a as pleasantly as if ling adieu to their

convincing edge of his aword, insistconvincing edge of his aword, insisting that I run my hand across it.
Meanwhile he muttered to other
soldiers in the room that the other
correspondents and I were English
spies. But this was the only disagreeable experience of the sort.
"German discipline and German
training seem to have bred into the
German soldier an exemplary behavior
which is nothing less than remarkable.

which is nothing less than remarkable. Before I fell asleep on the floor of the Beaumont cafe, with two German soldiers' guns slanting almost over me. I heard the petty officer who was in charge of us giving instructions to the guards, which included the statement that any one of us who stirred outside the door should be shot. Then he counselled them, almost in a fatherly way, to drink only moderately, stating quite firmly that if they be-came drunk he would recommend a sentence of fifteen years in the peni-

is on the side of a too-complete sub-ordination. It is impossible for any one, who has seen much of the Ger-man system to believe in the tales of deliberate depredations and unsoldier-

RETREATING FOES IN SORE STRAITS

German Armies Thick with Dangers.

By MME, JEAN ALCIDE PICARD. Paris, Sept. 16.—What we want desperately we are very much inclined to imagine actually happens This is the only explanation of the announcement made by the Wolff Agency of the Ver-dur bombardment and the fall of Fort Trovon, which announcement was con-tr dieted officially last night. Verdun has never been besieged. Troyon re-sisted violent attacks, but has been eutirely cleared since Monday. Our northeastern line, as the Germans know, offers them an opportunity to break through, but is guarded by Hence the efforts to storm

disorderly retreat to try to organize a defence we know. The latest reports are that this is not an offensive, but a desperate effort to cover the return to Germany for the bulk of their troops, the immense forces now in French ter-They have only a few routes to on, and all are crossed by serious obstructions, the Allies outflanking their columns in the west while their left withdraws toward the north-east. It may be the result of our operations on their right, but more likely they are seeking safety. They still hold the north of the Argonne forest, and are probably using that as a pivot. The mass of their army will turn through the shortest course to take refuge under the protection of Metz and Thionville, along the Moselle. Avoiding the Belgians.

There are two advantages in the plan to seek the nearest safety zone. Onc is the possibility of giving a wide berth to the danger of the Belgian army in the north. To execute this manœuve they must cross the Meuse at a safe distance from Verdun. Between Charny and Stenay, twenty-four miles apart, they can throw five army corps, which could take Dainvillers, Etain, Conflans and Briev, but to reach Etain Conflans and Briev, but to reach Etain they must cross the Meuse not so far north from Toul and Nancy but that our troops might take an offensive position between Etain and the upper

The other return route lies between Stenay and Mezieres, but there are serious obstacles to crossing the Meuse and the Ardennes forest, which latter and the Ardennes torest, which latter is traversed by five roads. Once through it, the way home is open through Luxembourg and Treves, but it is not impossible that a Belgian army coming south through Paliseul and Neufchateau could master the northern issues in the Ardennes and throw the army back on Sedan.

On the left the two western armies commanded by Generals Von Kluck and Von Bülow, seem to be aiming to pass whited, a single instance of missiment of any sort by German offisor soldiers.

On the contrary, I witnessed natous cases of the most careful courf on the part of German soldiers.

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then a German officer of a Belgian house for it was not with a depart. In spite of the rars which arose from there was almost no ort.

ITALIANS ENRAGED AT NATION'S NEUTRAL ROLE

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

Rome, Sept. 16.—The anti-neutrality agitation is spreading. Resonant have been passed urging the government to take action lest they been passed urging the government to take action lest they been passed urging the government to take action lest they been passed urging the government to take action lest they been and order all women to go back to the houses and leave the doors open ations have been passed urging the government to take action lest they se the chance of extending the national boundaries. Nationalists, Radicals, Republicans and Socialists have joined in the patriotic demonstraons, the public feeling is decidedly favorable to England.

The central portion of the city was occupied by military forces until fter midnight last night in order to prevent demonstrations on the part of the Roman populace. It was necessary for the troops to charge the monstrators several times

A manifestation was held under the windows of the Belgian Legaion, and another manifestation, despite the activity of the gendarmes, is announced for to-night under the windows of the Farnese Palace, where the French Embassy is located.

In the larger towns to-day troops are being employed extensively to epress the demonstrators, re-establish order and protect foreign embassies

Paris, Sept. 16 (3:42 a. m.).-A Havas dispatch from Rome says that information has reached the "Giornale d'Italia" from Bucharest that several Rumanian Deputies have left for Rome in order to inform the public

n the state of mind of Rumania's subjects regarding the European war. According to the newspaper "Adeverul," published in Bucharest, Austrians from Transylvania have arrived at Sinaia charged with a mission AUSTRIAN ARMIES All Homeward Routes for to develop opinion favorable to Austria. Rumanian politicians, however, begged them not to insist.

SEEK HAGUE, WILSON'S HINT TO POWERS Ural regiment, captured single handed three Austrian officers and nimeteen soldiers.

The Massacre of Aerschot.

mans enter the town than they snot

true expression of sincere neutrality

Belgian Commission's Statement. The statement in behalf of the Bel-

gian commission, charging cruelty against the German soldiery in their have fired on doctors, nurses, ambuoccupation of Belgian territory, was presented by Carton de Wiart. If the statements of the commission, accredited to trustworthy eyewitnesses, are the true, the Germans have been guilty of brigands and pillagers of feudal ages.

Maidens and matrons ravished, old men and children bayonetted or hung, aged crimes equal to those committed by the

mainty, the Germans school, grouped them in lines of four men, and, making them run ahead of them, shot them and killed them afterward with their bayonets. More than forty men were found thus massacred. The following day they lined up villagers whom they had arread the day it advanced to Kurniki, and on the following day they lined up villagers whom they had arread the day it advanced to Kurniki, and on the fine. These, taking one man out of each line. These, taking one man out of each line. These, taking with them the Burgomaster of the town, Mr. Tielmans, and his son, aged fifteen and a half year, and his brother, they shot.

"About 150 inhabitants of Aerschot and was successful until the 11th, especially be no violated by one of them. Had we consented to abandon our neutrality for the benefit of one of the belligerents we would have betrayed our obligations toward the others, and it was the sense of our international obligations, as well as that of our displayed and honor, that has driven us to esistance.

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"The consequences sunered by the beigian nation were not confined purely to the harm occasioned by the forced march of ar invading army. This army not only seized a great portion of our territory, but it committed incredible acts of violence the nature of which is contrary to the rights of mankind. "Peaceful inhabitants were massa-

cred, defenceless women and children were outraged, open and undefended towns were destroyed, historical and

are abundoning a great quantity of the way.

Their retreat is so precipitate as more points as to take on the character of fight. They leave behind prisoners of the General Staff and letters of the

The first production of the pr

Weehter, and we are also in receipt of medical certificates testifying that the wounds must have been inflicted by bullets of the variety mentioned above. "Documents and testimonials in sup-port of these facts will be published."

during the night.
"Numerous dispositions reveal that in their march, and even in their attacks, the Germans put before them civilians,

men and women, in order to prevent our soldiers from firing. Other testi-mony proves that German detachments

do not hesitate to fly either a white flag or the Red Cross flag, so as to ap-proach our troops without being sus-pected. On the other hand they fire on

pected. On the other hand they are on our ambulances and ill-treat our am-bulance nurses. They ill-treat and even kill our wounded. Clergymen seem to be particularly the object of their attacks. Last, but not least, we have in our possession explosive bul-lets left behind them by the enemy at

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London, Sept. 16.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends the following official communication issued by the Austrian War Office to-day:
"Our victories near Huizwa (?) have opened up the possibility of attacking the strong Russian forces that have

Van Damme, severely wounded and lying on his back, was murdered by German infantrymen who fired their revolvers into his mouth. German infantrymen who fired their revolvers into his mouth.
"In different places, notably at Hellonge-sur-Geer, at Barchon, at Pontisse, at Haelen and at Zelk, German troops have fired on doctors, nurses, ambulance wagons, and ambulance wagons. "The German troops penetrated into Aerschot on Wednesday, August 19, in the morning. No Belgian forces re-mained behind. No sooner did the Ger-

forces and advance in the direction of Lemberg. This order was carried out September 4. "It appears that the Russians intenda fink movement in the direction of Lublin, fiter having occupied the capital of Galicia, without reckoning with our army which stood behind the Grodek lake district, but this army was

"During the five days' battle both Louvain on Wednesday, August 19, after having set fire to the towns through which it had passed. From the moment of their entrance the Germans broke the doors of houses abandoned by their inhabitants, pillaged them and indulged in orgies."

Two interness are cited in which a "During the five days' battle both sides suffered severely, especially during the Russian night attack near Rawaruska.

"Numerous prisoners were taken. Up to the present, altogether, 41,000 Russians and 8,000 Servian prisoners and 300 field guns have been captured."

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Two instances are cited in which a maid and a matron were ravished by ands of soldiers.

"On a government has appointed investigation, so as to thoroughly and impartially examine the facts and to determine the responsibility thereof, and I will have the honor, excellancy to hand over to you the proceedings of the initiative of the United States, that all civilized nations have formulated and adopted at The Hague a law regulating and proper in the interest of the individual of the interest of the int

they consume to the point of drunken-ness; then they begin to shoot wildly, sometimes from the interior of empty houses, declaring that the inhabitants have fired the shots. It is then that the firing scenes begin and murder and especially pillage accompanied by acts of cold cruelty set in, acts which re-spect neither sex nor age. After a first massacre, somewhat at random, they shut the men into the church of the WAITING FOR YOU

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> ATTACK ON ANTWERP NOT UNLOOKED FOR

Defences, However, Strong Enough to Withstand 500,000 Men, It Is Said.

Ostend, Sept. 16 .- King Albert yesterday motored out of Antwerp to view the general situation, and he expressed the himself as well satisfied. His continued and active patience at the front miles southwest of Lemberg) received tinued and active patience at the front orders after a short pursuit of the has been the greatest factor in cheer-Russians to leave behind its inferior ing the Belgian soldiers.

> King Albert has sent a telegram to Emperor Nicholas gratefully acknowl edging the honor conferred upon him by the Emperor in the bestowal of the Cross of Knight of the Military Order

of St. George.
"I hope your majesty will permit me," King Albert's message said, "to bestow all the merit on my valiant soldiers. Your majesty's eulogy of the Belgian people and army particularly touches me and will be received with lively gratitude and praise by the en-

The retirement of the main Belgian army into the cover of the Antwers forts has given the Germans an oppor-tunity to move their forces in the di-rection of that city. Yesterday they were said to be in Willerbroeck, which been occupied by the Belgians

There are two contingencies which may occur—the retaking of Brusseis or the attempted capture of Antwerp. Events point to the latter, but this fact should be borne in mind, a fact which was told in Brussels by high military authority; that General Brialmont built the Antwerp forts so well that it would take 500,000 men to make a successful attack. It cannot be seen how the Germans can take Antwerp how the Germans can take Antwerp with the 100,000-odd men they have at their command in Belgium. Several persons who fled from Brus-sels and have reached here declare that

the German attitude is daily becoming more hostile, and they all expressed fear that on the first reverse the Germans will, in mortification, fire guns they have trained on the town. The refugees added that east, west, north and south deadly artillery is trained on houses and public buildings. "Brussels could make another Louvain in an hour," a lawyer said.

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TUCKERTON RADIO PUT OUT OF ORDER

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Tuckerton, N. J., Sept. 16.—The Tuckerton wireless station, one of the only two plants in the United States in direct touch with Germany, has broken down. One of the generators burned out, according to the operators, but whether owing to poor lubrication, fully construction or something else in not disclosed. not disclosed.

However, in spite of the denials of icutenant Felix X. Gygax. United states naval officer in charge of the tition, and Theodore Lemke, its manger, opinion is growing in some quar-cts that the injury to the plant was not purely accidental, but that persons ritated by the trend of its reports ad put it out of commission. Lieutenant Gygax said to-night that

might be possible to reopen the sta-n, within a week if the damaged uipment, which was manufactured in Germany, could be duplicated in this country. In case it cannot, the chances are that no more messages will be sent from it till the end of the war.

Much government and private business was on hand when the break-

lown occurred. Washington, Sept. 16.—The disabling of the Tuckerton wireless station was explained in this statement by Secretary Daniels:

AS SERBS ENTER tary Daniels:

"A message has been received from the naval officer representing the Navy Department in charge of the Tuckerton racio station that the station is completely disabled for sending by reason to the high frequency generator having

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